



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



***Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love***

**SUNDAY 26th JULY
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by The Ven Derek Chedzey**

**10.00am Parish Communion
Led by The Ven Derek Chedzey**

**SUNDAY 2nd August 2026
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

**10.00am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

Email: admin@stmichaelsledbury.org

Our website is: **www.stmichaelsledbury.org**

Facebook – The church's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury – Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheet by Wednesday each week. Thank you. Please email to Annie Lindon annielindon@gmail.com and to (cc) churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org and admin@stmichaelsledbury.org

Sunday parking is for Blue Badge holders only.

Pastoral Care. The Pastoral Team consists of: Sue Cooper, Sue Simpson, Richard Nightingale and Val Houghton. If you have any Pastoral issues, or help is needed then please contact Val Houghton. (val.houghton1@btinternet.com).

Prayer Chain. Please let Val or one of the wardens know if you would like to receive prayer chain messages. If you have a request for prayer please use the same contacts.

Repairs and maintenance queries should be directed to Andrew Beech.

SERVICES

LEDBURY Services

8am Sunday BCP Communion

10am Sunday Parish Communion (2nd Sunday Morning Worship)

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S^t Katherine's Chapel

Third Sunday Choral Evensong 5.30pm

EASTNOR Services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11.15am

NOTICES

There are several **home study groups** in Ledbury and surrounding areas; these mainly take place in the evenings. The study group leaders would welcome new members. **If you are interested in joining one please speak to Richard Nightingale, r.nightingale437@btinternet.com.**

Work has now started on the floor of the room over the North porch. The North Porch will be closed until Thursday 30th July; access to the church will be via the Chapter House and, for the Sunday service, the West porch. Parking and turning in the car park is restricted

We pray for:

Our link CMS Mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and Hereford Diocesan Links with Tanzania.

The new Rector – Rev Canon Sarah Hillman

Rev'd Joan Wakeling for her knee operation

We pray for those who are sick: we have amended the list below, but if you know of anyone who should still be included, please let us know.

Andrew Broughton Stephen Vicarage Terry Dodd Peter Tattersall David Hicks

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

Sandra Thomas Ann Roberts Louis Lock Bryan Turner Richard Green Barbara Price Ann
Blandford Barbara Meikle Alison Williams Barbara Morris Roger Jackman Jan James Elizabeth
Watson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Concerts Saturday 25 July, Saturday 8 August, Saturday 29 August, Saturday 19 September Saturday 3 October and Saturday 7 November.

LEAF Summer Activity Day - Saturday 15 August 12-4pm at Ledbury Primary School. We offer a variety of activities, a BBQ lunch and tea, coffee and cakes, all free of charge. To give local families our very best welcome we need folk from all our churches helping in lots of different ways, eg baking, crafting, welcoming, chatting, playing and of course praying. Please let me know how you can help! Mary Anne Keyes maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com or 07962 323454.

There will be two 'Stay and Play' sessions in church indoor play space, on **July 30** and **August 27** for younger children and parents.

Sunday 26th July, 2:30 to 4:30, cream tea in the garden of The Croft, Woodleigh Road. A social afternoon, raising funds for CMS. Bring and buy plants and bric-a-brac. If you are able, please bring your own chair.

The Healthy HAFers club. The government-funded holiday activities and food (HAF) programme provides support to children from low-income families during school holiday periods. During the school summer holidays, LEAF will be working with Ledbury Community Hub to provide free nutritious meals, enriching activities and a safe environment for eligible children at Ledbury Primary School. Our Healthy HAFers club is due to open its doors for the first time on **Monday 27 July**. More details can be found at: <https://eequ.org/book/healthy-hafers-with-leaf-team-32742> If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please email: taracampbell@leafledbury.com

We pray God's blessing on these summer events.

Coffee Stop Friday 7th August 10am - 12 noon. Come and join us for coffee, cakes, chat & company. All welcome! Invite someone new to share with them our beautiful church. Contact Sonia Bowen on 07878 173 919.

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church Events

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church: We urgently need up to three new committee members for The Friends if we are to continue to put on an annual programme of talks and social events. If you think you might have time to give to this valuable aspect of the church's work, please contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com). The work is fun and not onerous, and the occasional meetings are short and efficient.

Readings for 26th July 2026: *Trinity VIII*

An Old Testament Reading from: Genesis 29: 15 – 30

¹⁵Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) ²⁵And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years."

²⁸Jacob did so and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹(Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) ³⁰So Jacob went in to Rachel also and he loved Rachel more than Leah and served Laban for another seven years.

A New Testament Reading from: Romans 8: 26 – 39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom He predestined He also called and those whom He called He also justified and those whom He justified He also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Reading from the Gospel of: Matthew 13: 31 – 33 & 44 – 52

³¹[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³²It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.” ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” ⁵² And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

COLLECT

(Lord) Father God, Your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in You alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard Your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung Your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of Your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with Your body be refreshed with the fullness of Your life; glory to You for ever.
Amen